

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title is amended to correct a misspelling. Claim 1 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 5 and 7 are canceled.

No new matter is added by this Amendment. Support for the language added to claim 1 can be found in original claims 5 and 7.

**I. Title Objection**

The Patent Office alleges that the title of the invention is not descriptive, particularly pointing to the misspelling in the title. Accordingly, Applicants have corrected the spelling error in the title, and submit that the title is descriptive of the invention.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph**

Claim 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the specification is allegedly not enabling for a toner having the recited absorption spectrum but not including a carbon-sulfur covalent bond therein. Applicants respectfully disagree with this allegation.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claims 5 and 7. Amended claim 1 clearly recites a toner including a binder resin prepared with a chain transfer agent selected from an n-alkylmercaptan, a branched alkylmercaptan and an aromatic ring-containing mercaptan which have at least 4 carbon atoms. These chain transfer agents are clearly disclosed on pages 19-20 of the specification. Specifically, these chain transfer agents include a carbon-sulfur covalent bond. See page 19, lines 20-25 of the specification.

Thus, the toner recited in claim 1 includes a carbon-sulfur covalent bond therein. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 are enabled by the specification. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,251,556 ("Yoshida") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,495,648 ("Inagaki"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Office Action, Examiner Goodrow indicated that this rejection could be overcome by amending claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 5 and 7. See the last sentence on page 3 of the Office Action. As such, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of original claims 5 and 7.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1-4, 6 and 8-19 are patentable over Yoshida and Inagaki. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 6 and 8-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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